

# **CITY OF LOMA LINDA SENIOR CENTER BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2005**

A Regular meeting of the Senior Center Board was called to order by Chair Mary Lynn Cooke at 3:33 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in the Senior Center at 25571 Barton Road, Loma Linda.

**Members Present:** Ms. Mary L. Cooke, Chair; Mr. Elmer Digneo; Mr. Ric Revel; Mrs. Valerie Husbands; Dr. Reinhold Trupp; Mr. George Pendered; Mr. John Niemira; and Mr. Jeff Samuels.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Jin Long Koh; and Ms. Vivi Burns.

**Staff:** Deborah Woldruff, Director, Community Development Department  
Jarb Thaipejr, City Engineer, and Director Public Works Department  
Jocelyne Larabie, Administrative Secretary, Community Dev. Dept.

**Guest:** Margi Worley, Volunteer

## **ROLL CALL**

**ORAL REPORTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Non-Agenda items (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES FOR EACH SPEAKER)

Volunteer Margi Worley shared the following ideas for maximizing the use of the senior center:

- Computer room - Keep the computer room open throughout the day for the public to use. – Chair Cooke explained that the service was already being offered and that there was a sign up sheet in the reception office.
- Conference Room - Special interest room – Proposed moving the large screen television into the room because of the small number of people who come to see the movies. This would free that area of the multi-purpose room;
- Multi-purpose Room - Move partitions from the current television viewing area to the south east corner for the bridge club as this would open up the rest of the multi-purpose room for other activities.

There was no other public participation.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Husbands, seconded by Trupp, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of October 18, 2005, as presented.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Request to paint the west wall of the multi-purpose room with reflective paint to be used as a projection screen.

Chair Cooke opened the discussion stating that this was a request from the Ukulele Club. She added that currently white paper was taped to the wall but that it did not always work very well. Director Woldruff explained that the City Manager had commented that he would prefer a different solution to the problem. Director Thaipejr indicated that he would look into an alternative solution and would report back to the Board.

Report by Public Works Department

Director Thaipejr had nothing to report.

Report by Community Development Director

Director Woldruff reported that Personnel Assistant Barbara Nicholson had published the announcement in the newspaper for the position of Senior Center Manager and that applications would be accepted until December 1, 2005. She added that there was a distinct possibility that the deadline date would be extended because of the holiday period. Jocelyne Larabie provided copies of the poster for the Senior Center volunteers to post and distribute to those interested in applying for the position.

Board Member Samuels informed the Board that the LA Times was doing a series of stories on Conservatorships particularly for the Inland Empire area, which addressed issues of elder abuse and financial issues, as well as other topics. A brief discussion ensued and Chair Cooke indicated that a guest at the Center had brought the newspaper article in and that she would make copies for the volunteers to distribute.

Sub-committee Reports

- Volunteer Program Report

Board Member Husbands reported that the current roster was composed of ten dedicated people. However, there were no new volunteers.

- Aging and Adult Coalition of the County of San Bernardino

Volunteer George Pendered circulated information he received at the last meeting regarding the Senior Companion Program provided by the San Bernardino Senior Center. He added that the representative stated that they had received a grant to recruit Senior Companions to provide home care and/or transportation and that the volunteers would receive a stipend, meals and paid mileage. A brief discussion ensued on the matter.

Mr. Pendered reported that the Coalition meeting was dominated by a discussion regarding the new Medicare drug plan, Part D, but that there was also a discussion with Barbara Seifritz, representative of the Inland Counties Legal Services, on the 25 new changes to the personal Bankruptcy Law. Staff will make copies of an article pulled from the internet for distribution to seniors.

Request by the Loma Linda Cultural Art Association to use the Senior Center for their monthly meetings in January and February 2006.

Jocelyne Larabie explained that Ms. Addie Van Orden, the Treasurer of the Association requested the use of the Senior Center their monthly meetings for the months of January and February. She added that Mrs. Van Orden commented that the Association would determine if they would change their meeting place for the entire year at their next meeting.

Report regarding the City of Loma Linda emergency Evacuation Plan

Director Woldruff explained to the Board that the Fire Department was very busy at this time because they were preparing a Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT) training session and would not be able to attend the Board meeting before the beginning of next year. Chair Cooke commented on an email she received from Fire Chief Norris about the CERT training scheduled to take place in January 2006.

Discussion of miscellaneous issues related to the Senior Center

- Report on the Arts & Crafts Fair

Chair Cooke explained that the Arts & Crafts Fair scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2005 had attracted two new vendors for a total of nine and five or six buyers. She added that the vendors donated \$7.00 of their sales to the Senior Center fund. Ms. Cooke continued to say that the vendors commented that the fair was not opened long enough; therefore, the year-end fair scheduled for November 27, 2005 would be opened from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Director Woldruff stated that she would ask Mr. Thaipejr for the name of another person to contact at the radio station to request advertising for the Fair because Norm Meyers had a busy schedule and was not available.

- Report on Senior Needs Survey

Chair Cooke reported that the completed surveys were coming in to the Senior Center as well as the offices of the Just for Seniors program. She added that she spoke with Sheila Umeda, Volunteer Social Worker, who said that she would review them and prepare the results with the help of Mayor Floyd Petersen who volunteered to help her prepare statistics.

- Reports by Senior Center Board Members

Board Member Niemira stated that The Palms at Loma Linda held their open house on Friday November 11, 2005 and that there was a good turnout.

Board Member Pendered reported that one of the participants of the Thursday watercolor painting class, Dr. Glen Kerr had received a silver medal at an art show in San Bernardino. As a result of the award Dr. Kerr had received commissions for two additional paintings.

Director Woldruff informed the Board that Barbara Conrad who had managed the Just for Seniors program for many years before her retirement about two years ago had past away suddenly at the beginning of October.

Chair Cooke opened a discussion regarding the Senior Center Board's regular meeting of December 20, 2005 and asked if there was a consensus to cancel the meeting.

**Motion by Pendered, seconded by Samuels, and unanimously carried to cancel the December meeting.**

Partitions for dividing the Multi-purpose room

Board member Trupp stated that he was still working on his plan for the division of the multi-purpose room and would present it at a future meeting. He added that he had not yet contacted Mr. Thaipejr on the matter.

Adjournment

**Motion by Digneo, seconded by Trupp, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the January 17, 2006.

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Administrative Secretary